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OF THE

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As reported by a Committee to settle with the Treasurer,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1869.

AND ALSO THE

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Of their settlement with the Superintendent of the Town Farm,

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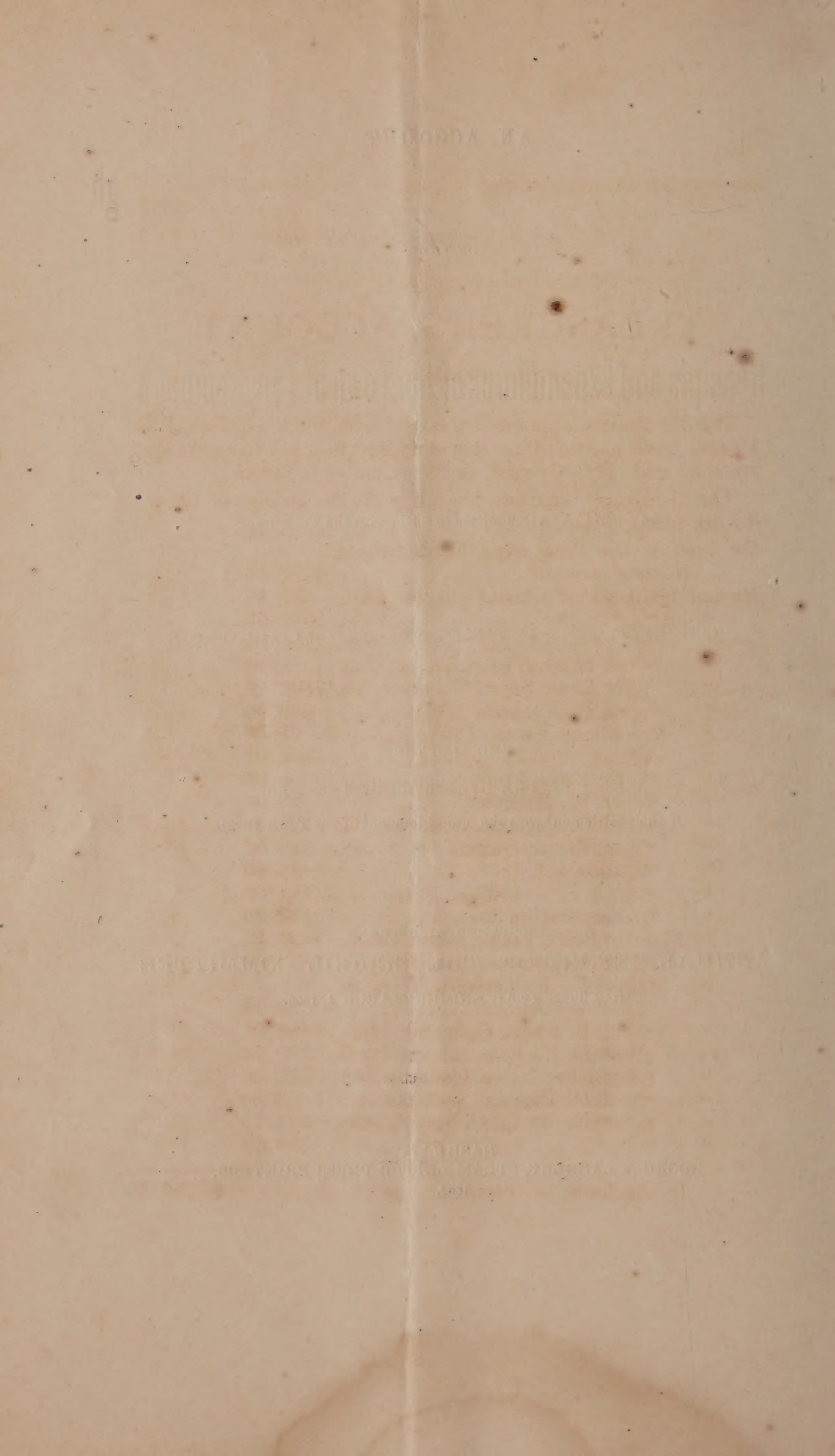
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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, J. G. Upton, have attended to that duty and find his accounts well vouched and correctly cast, and they are as follows :

The Treasurer charges himself with the receipt of the following sums, viz :

By cash in the Treasurer's hands carried	
to new account,.....	\$279 36
By cash rec'd of D. Parham, Collector, 1867,	235 17
" " " " " 1866,	1283 42
" " " " " 1866,	1104 00
" " of State Treasurer,.....	90
" " of Ebenr. Swan, Collector, '68,	1800 00
" " of D. Parham, 1867,.....	200 00
" " Ebenr. Swan, 1868,.....	78 00
" " " " "	300 00
" " for three Polls, "	5 00
" " of W. Hamblet,.....	50 00
" " of D. Parham, Collector, '67,	125 00
" " of Ebenr. Swan, " '68,	342 00
" " state aid, 1868,.....	87 60
" " " " 1867,.....	181 65
" " corporation tax,.....	117 99
" " of State Treas., school fund,.	96 21
" " of corporation tax, 1868,...	70
" " of L. Butterfield, Winslow	
school,.....	23 18
" " of E. Swan, Collector, 1868.	400 00
" " of D. Parham, int. on taxes,	150 00
" " of Eben Swan, Collector, '68,	110 00
" " of D. Parham, poll tax,....	2 00
" " of E. Swan, Collector, 1868,	753 79
" " " " " " " "	530 00

Total of receipts,..... \$8,256 79

The Treasurer credits himself by the payment of the following sums, viz :

Paid E. Bancroft's board at hospital, 6 m.,	94 50
" Cash for express,.....	50
" " Interest on Woodward's note,	30 00
" " C. O. Parham,.....	37 13
" " State tax, 1867,.....	1154 14
" " Interest on State tax,.....	73 54
" " G. F. & C. W. Hunter, notes and interest,.....	248 00
" " E. Bancroft's board,.....	46 50
" " for stamps, 1868,.....	08
" " on D. Lawrence's note, int.,...	180 00
" " on W. Hamblet's note, int.,...	30 00
" " E. Bancroft's board,.....	46 00
" " State tax 1868,.....	740 00
" " town of Groton for board of Kezars,.....	58 00
" " E. Bancroft's board,.....	46 00
" " for stamps,.....	25
" " for interest,.....	9 75
" " L. Butterfield, received of W. Hamblet,.....	50 00
" " J. Woodward's note and int.,...	580 10
" " J. W. Marshall,.....	1 75
" " State aid, Mrs. Burrows, 1868,	48 00

LIST OF ORDERS.

No. 1, April 15, 1863, C. Butterfield,....	86 80
" 5, R. S. Coburn, April 11, 1867,....	32 59
" 10, Sol Spaulding, 1866,.....	73 47
" 22, April 29, L. Butterfield, 1866,....	11 83
" 31, May 15, 1867, H. C. Butterfield,...	63 96
" 38, Oct. 31, 1867, J. Bowers,.....	31 05
" 42, Dec. 17, 1867, W. S. Pratt,.....	40 77
" 45, Feb. 8, 1868, A. W. Frederick,....	90 86
" 50, Feb. 21, 1868, A. Reed,.....	107 47
" 51, Feb. 21, 1868, E. Bancroft,.....	29 67
" 43, Jan. 2, 1868, J. Wyman,.....	25 87
" 52, Feb. 24, 1868, L. Butterfield,....	25 24
" 53, Feb. 25, 1868, J. Wyman,.....	25 87
" 54, Mch. 6, 1868, Z. Kidder,.....	64 70
" 1, 1868,.....	
" 2, Outstanding,.....	
" 3, Mch. 11th, E. Swan,.....	7 45

No. 4, Mch. 11, A. Bryant,.....	20 00
" 5, Outstanding,.....	
" 6, ".....	
" 7, Mch. W. S. Pratt,.....	64 70
" 8, Apl. 13, C. O. Parham,.....	35 50
" 9, " " J. Litchfield,.....	26 40
" 10, " " C. S. Coburn,.....	10 60
" 11, " " R. S. Coburn,.....	23 50
" 12, " " A. W. Frederick,.....	27 40
" 13, " " W. B. Cummings,.....	10 00
" 14, " " C. Butterfield,.....	44 95
" 15, " " W. A. Cummings,.....	20 00
" 16, " " Zeph Bennett,.....	12 00
" 17, Outstanding,.....	
" 18, A. W. Frederick,.....	14 70
" 19, Mch. 17, H. Witherell,.....	14 71
" 20, Outstanding,.....	
" 21, Mch. 27, A. Marshall,.....	32 00
" 22, July 18, G. O. Perham,.....	61 00
" 23, " " C. P. Kendall,.....	55 00
" 24, " 25, I. S. Knights,.....	74 37
" 25, " 31, A. Marshall,.....	32 00
" 26, Aug. 12, L. Butterfield,.....	78 00
" 27, " 21, J. F. Queen,.....	60 00
" 28, " 25, J. P. Butterfield,.....	71 50
" 29, Oct. 1, A. Marshall,.....	32 00
" 30, Widow E. Butterfield,.....	32 00
" 31, Oct. 1, W. Hamblet,.....	150 00
" 32, Nov. 4, M. Gilson,.....	50 00
" 33, " " John Littlehale,.....	155 00
" 34, " " J. Nutting,.....	12 00
" 35, Dec. 3, A. Marshall,.....	32 00
" 36, " " G. A. Perham,.....	89 00
" 37, Jan. 2, F. F. Peirce,.....	18 90
" 38, " 30, A. Marshall,.....	32 00
" 39, Feb. 3, J. P. Butterfield,.....	92 24
" 40, " " C. F. Danforth,.....	85 74
" 41, " " J. S. Knights,.....	89 37
" 42, Outstanding,.....	
" 43,	
" 44, Jan. 9, H. Witherell, 1867,.....	87 22
" 45, Feb. 1869, J. F. Queen,.....	103 74
" 46, Outstanding,.....	
" 47, Mch. 15, 1869, R. S. Coburn,.....	17 00
" 48, Outstanding,.....	
" 49, ".....	

No. 50, Mch, 15, F. F. Peirce,.....	20 00	
" 51, " " A. Marshall,.....	40 00	
" 52, " " G. Swan,.....	144 36	
" 53, April, 3, C. O. Parham,.....	58 26	
Part pay on order No. 6,.....	44 00	
Treasurer's salary,.....	25 00	
Total paid out for bills and orders,.....	————	\$6340 00
Total of cash received by Treasurer,..	\$8256 79	
Total paid out by Treasurer,.....	6340 00	
Leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands to be carried to new account,.....	————	\$1916 79

JOHN PARHAM,	}	<i>Committee to settle with the Treasurer.</i>
DANIEL PARHAM,		
LUTHER BUTTERFIELD,		

AVAILABLE FUNDS.

An uncollected balance in the hands of		
J. Bancroft, Collector,.....	\$49 40	
In the hands of D. Perham, Collector,...	144 05	
" " " " Ebenr. Swan,.....	420 20	
Balance in the Treasury,.....	1916 79	
Total available funds,.....	————	\$2530 44

The town is indebted as follows:

Insurance on Almshouse,.....	\$70 83	
D. Lawrence, note,.....	2000 00	
M. Gilson, "	134 67	
W. Hamblet, "	500 00	
P. Ford, "	413 40	
Ebenr. Swan, order,.....	165 50	
L. Butterfield, "	88 52	
H. A. Littlehale, "	20 70	
Selectmen, "	63 00	
J. Wyman, "	25 00	
C. S. Coburn, "	400 79	
G. O. Perham, "	13 74	
C. P. Kendall, "	108 74	
A. Bryant,	4 00	
J. Blodgett,.....	6 00	
L. Butterfield,.....	87 14	
	————	\$4102 03
Available funds,.....		\$2530 44
Indebtedness over funds,.....		\$1571 59

Value of real estate,.....	\$2459 41	00
“ “ personal estate,.....	520 23	00
Total,.....		\$2979 64 00

Town grant for 1868 for incidental ex- penses, support of the poor, State and County tax,.....	\$5000 00
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Overlay,.....	74 50
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Whole sum assessed for above purposes,.....	\$5074 50
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Town grant for highway, exp's in labor, etc.	\$1200 00
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Overlay,.....	33 87
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Whole sum assessed for highway,.....	\$1233 87
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Town grant for schools,.....	\$1050 00
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Received from State fund,.....	96 21
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“ “ Madam Winslow's fund,..	148 18
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Total for schools,.....	\$1294 39
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equal to \$12 94.3 per head for children between the ages of five and fifteen years.

State tax for 1868,.....	\$740 00
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County tax for “	341 26
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Total for State and county,.....	\$1081 26
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L. BUTTERFIELD,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Tyngsboro.</i>
C. BUTTERFIELD,	
C. O. PARHAM,	

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The overseers of the poor having settled with the superintendent of the Almshouse, find his account of receipts and expenditures as follows, all of which is respectfully submitted :

Expenditures on the farm, including		
Superintendent's salary,.....	\$1692	19
Receipts for products sold,.....	1708	54
Leaving a balance in favor of the farm of	—————	\$16 35

RECAPITULATION.

Expenditures on the farm,.....	\$1692	19	
Off the farm, E. Bancroft's board,.....	185	50	
Nutting's bill for wood for A. Worcester,	12	00	
Board of Kezar children at Groton,....	58	00	
Total expenses for support of poor..	—————	\$1947	69
Receipts of products sold,.....		1708	54

Total expenses over receipts,.....	\$139 15
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Value of personal property on the farm,	\$2352 03
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The interest of the Lawrence fund has been appropriated to the use of the poor.

Number of poor, 4,

LUTHER BUTTERFIELD,
CYRUS BUTTERFIELD,
C. O. PERHAM,

Overseers of the Poor of Tyngsborough.

ANNUAL
Report of School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH,
For the Year Ending March 1, 1869.

To the citizens of the Town of Tyngsborough :

The School Committee of the town respectfully present for your consideration the following report of the condition of our schools for the year ending March 1st, 1869.

Your Committee feel happy to say that the Prudential Committees have been very fortunate in their selection of teachers of the several district schools. With the exception of one term, all the teachers belonged in town; nearly all of them having had considerable experience, are now good disciplinarians, capable of illustrating the subjects taught, and securing the interest and good-will of their pupils.

The names of the Prudential Committees of each district, the names of the teachers, the length of each school, number of pupils, average attendance for summer and winter terms, with the number of visitors to the schools, are as follows :

DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee,

Mr. William Hamblet.

Martha M. Keyes, Teacher.

Length of school in summer, 2 months 10 days; in winter, 2 months 3 days. Wages of teacher in summer, \$22; in winter, \$24. Whole number of scholars in summer, 17; in winter, 16. Average attendance in summer, 13.41-100; in winter, 12. No. of scholars under 5 years of age in summer, 2; in winter, 0. No. of scholars over 15, in summer, 1; in winter, 0. No. of visitors, 24.

Miss Keyes had, during the first of her school, much to contend with from the variety of text books in use, but by well directed efforts she did much to overcome this difficulty. The school closed with a very satisfactory examination. In addition to the two terms at home, the scholars had four months at the Winslow School—in all, eight months and thirteen days.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Prudential Committee,

J. F. Queen.

Ida E. Queen, Teacher both terms.

Length of School in summer, 2 months 11 days; in winter, 4 months. Wages of teacher per month, in summer, \$20; in winter, \$26. Whole number of scholars in summer, 16; in winter, 24. Average attendance in summer, 11 20-27; in winter, 21. No. of scholars under 5 years of age, in summer, 0; in winter, 0. No. of scholars over 15 years of age, in summer, 0; in winter, 7. No. of visitors both terms, 30.

Your committee were pleased with the summer term of this school, the examination showing that the scholars had been under good management. We regret that the same cannot be said of the winter term; we think that the pupils did not try very hard to make the best use of their advantages.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Prudential Committee,

Isaac S. Knights.

Emma S. H. Taylor, Teacher in summer.

Lizzie T. Pierce, " " winter.

Length of school in summer, 2 months 15 days; in winter, 3 months, 15 days. Wages of teacher per month, in summer, \$23; in winter, \$24. Whole number of scholars in summer 14; in winter, 12. Average attendance in summer, 12; in winter, 10 1-3. No. of scholars under 5 years, in summer, 1; in winter, 0. No. of scholars over 15 years, in summer, 0; in winter, 2. No. of visitors both terms, 22.

Both terms of this school were under very superior management. The order was very good and all the exercises were performed promptly and almost perfectly throughout. The deportment of the scholars was pleasant, their attention to their studies and their cheerfulness were very satisfactory to the committee and to the visitors present.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Prudential Committee,

Charles P. Kendall.

Teacher. Almira A. Bancroft both terms.

Length of school in summer, 2 months 15 days; in winter, 3 months 15 days. Wages of teacher per month in summer, \$22; in winter, \$26. Whole number of scholars in summer, 12; in winter, 19. Average attendance in summer, 8; in

winter, 16. No. of scholars under 5 years in summer, 0; in winter, 0. No. of scholars over 15 years in summer, 0; in winter, 1. No. of visitors, 20.

Miss Bancroft is a teacher of acknowledged merit, which she fully sustained in this school. All who were present at the close, were much pleased with the promptness of the recitations, and the good order of the pupils.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential Committee,

George O. Perham.

Mary E. Bennett, Teacher of 1st term and part of 2d.

Finished by A. A. Bancroft.

Length of school in summer, 3 months; in winter, 3 months. Wages of teacher per month, in summer \$20; in winter, —. Whole number of scholars in summer, 16; in winter, 18. Average attendance in summer, 13 1-4; in winter, 15. No. of scholars under 5 years, in summer, 3; in winter, 3. No. of scholars over 15, in summer, 0; in winter, 0. No. of visitors both terms, 34.

Within the walls of this cheerful school-house, so much in contrast with those in some other districts, we found good schools in the care of excellent teachers. One pleasant feature of this school was the singing. The order was very good, and the recitations were rendered with promptness and accuracy. The pupils of this district, in part, attended at the Winslow School for nearly three months.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Teacher employed by one of Superintending Committee.

Caroline F. Danforth, Teacher.

Length of school in summer, 3 months; in winter, 3 months, 11 days. Wages of teacher per month, in summer, \$26; in winter, \$32. Whole number of scholars in summer, 15; in winter, 14. Average attendance in summer, 11; in winter, 11 1-2. No. of scholars under 5 years, 0. No. of scholars over 15, in summer, 0; in winter, 4. No. of visitors both terms, 37.

The same teacher was employed for both terms, and was very successful in obtaining the co-operation of the pupils, and of their parents. The order was excellent and the recitations almost perfect. We especially commend the recitation of the first class in spelling. We would like to see in all our schools, more attention paid to this branch of education than is now customary.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Prudential Committee,

James P. Butterfield.

Helen A. Kidder, Teacher for both terms.

Length of school in summer, 2 months, 15 days; in winter, 2 months, 18 days. Wages of teacher per month in summer, \$26.00; in winter, \$32.00. Whole number of scholars in summer, 10; in winter, 14. Average attendance in summer, 8 5-11; in winter, 11 45-58. No. under 5 years of age in summer, 2; in winter, 0. No. over 15 years of age in summer, 0; in winter, 3. Whole number of visitors, both terms, 34.

The same teacher taught both terms of this school. She has had considerable experience, keeps good order, secures the attention and cheerful co-operation of her pupils, who always show a very good degree of progress while under her instruction.

WINSLOW SCHOOL.

George F. Woodward, Teacher.

Length of school, 5 months. Wages of teacher per month, \$60. Whole number of scholars, 34. Average attendance, 21. No. of scholars under 5 years of age, 0. No. over 15 years of age, 14. No. of visitors, 19.

Mr. Woodward was a graduate of Williams College, without experience as a teacher, yet he succeeded very well with the most teachable of his pupils, but not quite so well with those who have but little desire to learn, and who need much stimulating to obtain any desirable result. The examination was pretty well, but the discipline, it seemed to us, needed to be more strict in a school like this, composed of children, young men and maidens.

REMARKS.

After giving the statistics of the several schools, the statute requires the Committee to offer such suggestions upon the subject of education, the management of the schools, the duties of parents, of teachers, and of the pupils, as may be thought best upon a subject that is of the greatest consequence to all good citizens. After having liberally provided for the education of our children, by employing good teachers, and by such other appliances as are calculated to facilitate their growth in knowledge, it is gratifying to feel that the schools of the past year, as a whole, were never under better management. The teachers were, all but one, natives of our own town, and we

think that it would be difficult to find their superiors. These teachers are faithful, good managers, able to secure the interest and the good will of their pupils.

There is nothing particularly interesting to a child, who is made to sit still for three hours, or to be called out now and then, and told that a certain character, shown to him is called A, or B; or that 2 and 2 makes 4; or that the nominative case is the subject of the verb; or that certain letters placed in a certain position indicate one's own name.

In the first days of school life these things look mysterious to the child, and it is not until after constant and unwearied repetitions, when light begins to dawn into the mind, that much interest can be awakened by the most skillful teacher. The whole matter appears rather uninteresting to the child. Dry as the first entrance into book-knowledge must appear to the child, yet no better way has been found to enter the door of book-learning than through the alphabet. But we have teachers among us that are able to make these first days of school life interesting to the child, by familiar conversation, pleasing illustrations, singing, and by allowing them to learn some little verses to declaim, which serve to amuse and give confidence.

We think that the teacher who fails to make a child's studies interesting will fail to secure their good will, and, failing in that, they will find government to be a difficult matter, and such teachers have probably mistaken their vocation.

Your committee express the hope that the services of our best teachers may be retained among us, and that they may not be induced, by better offers from other towns, to leave us. We want the best — we have them now — keep them if it be possible.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Several of our school-houses need more or less repairs. That in No. 6 more than the others. Some of them might be made more comfortable and respectable with a small outlay.

If the vote to abolish the district school system remain as passed March 1st, then the land, with the school buildings thereon, will become the property of the town, after being appraised, and all repairing and rebuilding will be done at the public expense. Whether the old mode or the new prevail, our self-respect should induce us to make comfortable and pleasant our school-houses and their surroundings. All persons having the highest good of the community in which they live at heart, who desire to see good manners, good morals, and virtuous habits prevail, must know that ignorance often leads to crime and to vicious habits; and though knowledge some-

times fails to keep a person innocent and pure, yet the presumption is that the well-informed will be the better citizen, and the most successful in life.

If the above premise be true, we all have a duty to perform towards our children. That is, to secure the services of the best teachers for our primary schools, for in these schools the foundation of knowledge is laid, and foundations should be laid well and secure that the structure erected thereon may stand firm. Let us secure to our children pleasant and comfortable school-rooms. Let us visit them often enough to be assured that both teachers and pupils are faithfully doing their duty.

LUTHER BUTTERFIELD,
REUBEN S. COBURN,
FRANK F. PEIRCE,

School Committee of Tyngsboro.

